



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Entrepreneur Austin McFadden commissioned the Philadelphia Toboggan Company (PTC) to construct a large carousel to be erected at the Minnesota State Fair in 1914, where it remained under private ownership for 75 years; and
- WHEREAS: In 1914, the historic Minnesota State Fair carousel was built and numbered 33 by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company, featuring four rows of 68 jumper horses and two chariots, all made of hand-carved and hand-painted bass wood; and
- WHEREAS: In 1988, 20 horses and a chariot were removed from the carousel and sent to New York City to be auctioned individually; and
- WHEREAS: A community-based, nonprofit organization was formed by Peter Boehm and Nancy Peterson to raise funds to purchase and save the carousel in its entirety from the auction; and
- WHEREAS: This carousel, now known as Cafesjian's Carousel in honor of its major benefactor, Gerard Cafesjian, has been restored to its original colors and appearance and is operated by volunteers; and
- WHEREAS: The historic and treasured Cafesjian's Carousel has a permanent home at Como Park, in Saint Paul, Minnesota, just one mile from its original location at the Minnesota State Fair, for the enjoyment of all citizens, visitors, and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 9, 2014, as:

THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF PTC 33

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 14th day of July.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE